

When I heard that the Commission was discussing an idea to force all stations to record each broadcast day and keep those recordings on file, I was very surprised. To consider all broadcasters "violators in waiting" is an insult not only to our professionalism, but also to the people and communities we serve. I operate a station in a county of about 12-thousand people, and a requirement of this type would force me to purchase additional equipment and oversee it.....big costs for a small business. The result of this type of regulation would be a need for more revenue and a loss of time from doing the kind of work that keeps me in this business.....serving the public.

The public would be better served if all announcers were again required to obtain operators' licenses. The requirements (abandoned by the FCC as not necessary) gave new announcers a forced education in broadcast operations, law and etiquette, and created more responsible employees. It instilled in them the responsibility that their jobs entailed, instead of encouraging them to embrace "show business" by drawing attention to themselves in any way possible. It also put the responsibility for on-air comments on both the owner and the employee.

So, in closing, don't put every broadcast manager in the same basket with those money-grubbers you've allowed to own so many stations that they cannot properly manage them. Please reconsider this proposed action. Thank you for your time and consideration.